

for Dr. Candolle,  
Monograph of the Gramineae, with several  
curious facts as to the distribution of  
American grasses. I hope he will give  
a notice on the subject.

With my wife's best greetings to you  
& Mrs Gray

always truly yours

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My dear Gray - I am shocked to  
find that I have been all this time  
in your debt. I hope to enclose the  
amount in this - as I am going out  
in the town to day, but if not I shall  
forward the money tomorrow - I do  
not recollect your having specified  
the sum in your letter of (I think)  
December last - but will not spend  
time uselessly in looking for it.

I have been often to Kew of late  
partly because my wife has not been  
well & I wanted to get change of  
air for her, & for myself to be near  
the herbarium - All the decent lodgings  
were occupied and with a good deal  
of trouble I at last found a small  
house which we have taken  
for four weeks.

Now your letter announces the actual or impending arrival of O. W. Holmes & of Mr & Mrs C. Loring - I have written to both (care of Boring) & when I know their respective addresses shall ~~hope~~ do anything I can to make their visits agreeable - A little later we hope to see them in this house -

Meanwhile I am horribly busy striving amid constant interruption to finish my little book about S. America & led into by-paths that consume a great deal of time - One of these by-paths led me to Langley's important memoir on solar radiation - and I have had a little correspondence with him - He sent <sup>me</sup> a brief summary & also a short paper from the Comptes Rendus but not the full memoir - I suppose he had no copy at his disposal. It is in the Series of Professional Papers of the Signal Service. Of course I did not tell him so, but I think I have secured that his claims shall be duly weighed in adjudging the medals of the Royal Society. The remark made to me by one man was "He is so young that he may wait awhile - I don't know his age."

No time to talk - & no use in doing so - of our public affairs, but I read with much pleasure what you have written. Of course one knows that near relations are apt to meddle in each other's affairs - & besides both our people & yours think they have a call to give advice to the world in general, but I must say that your public men are going rather far in regard to this formidable Irish question. You - very naturally resented the expressions of opinion - often honestly meant - that it would be better to let the South go its way, & you very properly judged that the question was one for you to decide - or not for outsiders - But at the worst there was no public official sanction to the volunteer counsels of British advisers.

I sent you last week another small paper about S. American botany - You patted me on the back so benignantly after the last that I was encouraged to ventilate some further speculations - I have just had a long & interesting letter from Haeckel - who is getting on with his big